

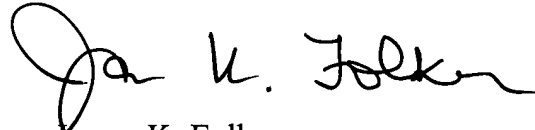
REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 8 and 10-12 have been allowed. As indicated above, rejected Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 are being cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, as all of the pending claims have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be forwarded to the address of record. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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